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THE LOWERS PARTING

FAREWELL my dearest Henry, since you to sea
must go,

To plough the raging ocean, and to face the daring foe,
O think of your poor Mary Ann when on a foreign shore
You have promised there is none but me you ever
can adore,

Then take this pledge of love, 'tis a ring I br ke in two,
One half then I will keep myself, that I may think of you
My love I'm sure it cannot change, be false I never can
One kiss my dear before we part, be true to Mary Ann.

From childhood we have loved, but since it must be so,
That you have choosed a sailors life, mild may the
breezes blow,

And waive my own dear Henry, safe back to Englands
shore.

Its then we shall be married love, I hope to part no
more,

Then go my jolly sailor, my heart still beats for thee,
O, may kind fortune spare your life, in all danger you
go thro'

So do your duty manfully, let virtue guide your hand,
To return to bless your faithfull girl, your own dear
Mary Ann.

It was early the next morning, just by the break of day,
The order came on board, and quick sail out to sea,
The boatswain piped all hands aloft, my lads come
haste away

The anchor's weigh'd the gallant ship sail'd proudly
through the bay,

There to foreign lands, far away from home they steer,
Some think upon their sweethearts, and some their
parents dear,

And each unto his pretty girl, they toss flowing can,
Hurrah my boys young Henry cries, heres to my
Mary Ann.

And when upon the ocean when seas rose mountain high
Young Henry he was first aloft, all dangers did defy,
Respected by his officers, beloved by all the crew,

smarter sailor never stept or waived a jacket blue,
was his happy fortune, his captain for to save,

Up n the coast of Africa, while struggling with the waves
He threw himself into the sea where both about were
toss'd

The boat it came one moment more, his life it would
be lost.

They crimsed about in different parts, for three long
years or more

At length the order came on board, to sail for England
shore,

Unto that land that gave them birth with all they held
so dear,

All perils past, the ship at last into the port did steer,
The ship it laid in harbour, and then the jolly crew,
They give three cheers at parting each other and adieu
The captain gave him fifty pounds and took him by
the hand,

The day young Henry married was unto his Mary Ann.

THE WELCHMEN'S LEEK, OR, ST. DAVID'S DAY,

PALE Winter with thy icy face,

We bid thee now farewell,
For manlike March has taken place,
With us short time to dwell;

He's brother unto April showers,
And ushers in sweet May,
And in his cap he wears a leek,

Upon St. David's day.
When Julius Cæsar with his force
Did first invade the land

The Welchman bold with foot and horse,
Did this proud foe withstand,
A tribute he from them did seek
Which they refused to pay,

For which they always wear a leek,
Upon St. David's day.

Then afterwards the Saxons came
Who Essex did obtain,

And with an army were prepared,
The kingdom for to gain

Each town and city went to rack,
While Saxons' bore the sway.

At length the Welchmen drove them back
Upon St. David's day

The next to them the Danes come in,
That proud surprizing foe,

At Winehester they did begin,
The land to overthrow,

Until at length great Alfred came,
Who drove them quite away,

And conquer'd all the Danish crew,
Upon St. David's day.

When crookid back'd Richard wore the crown,
As Regent of the land,

No policy could pull down,
Or this proud foe withstand,

Till Henry of Richmond entered Wales,
Whom Welchmen did obey,

And conquer'd him in Bosworth Field,
Upon St. David's day

St James he is the Spainard's boast,
St. Dennis is for France,

St. Patrick in the Western coast,
The Irishmen advance:

George bears the sword, David the seal,
And Justice bears the sway,

Old Englaud drinks a health to Wales,
Upon St. David's day.

The Welchmen they were always true,
They have full intent,

To give their King and Prince their due,
And love their president,

And to maintain their ancient fame,
Which never will decay,

Love's blessings light upon his name,
Who keeps St. Dav'd's day.

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